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1. IN RESPONSE PARA 15 OF REFTTEL, FOLLOWING ARE US POSITIONS ON THREE SUBJECTS AS REQUESTED:

2. PALESTINIAN ITEM. CURRENT US POSITION BEING SET FORTH IN SEPTTEL WHICH WILL BE SENT INFO TO EMBASSY.

3. UN CHARTER REVIEW. IN ITS 1972 REPLY TO UN SYG, US REITERATED ITS LONG-HELD RESERVATIONS REGARDING ANY ATTEMPT AT OVERALL REVIEW OF UN CHARTER, BUT INDICATED ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN SUCH AN ENDEAVOR IF A SUB-

STANTIAL MAJORITY OF UN MEMBERS FAVOR IT. US STRESSED SPECIFIC REFORMS THAT COULD BE MADE WITHIN PRESENT STRUCTURE OF UN ORGANIZATION AND STATED CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR ARTICLE 108 AD HOC APPROACH TO AMENDMENTS WHEREVER REQUISITE MAJORITY SUPPORT ALREADY EXISTS OR CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR DESIRABLE CHANGES, AS AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT AT REWRITING CHARTER. AT 27TH GA, US JOINED WITH OTHERS IN DISCOURAGING ADOPTION OF PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NEW CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE, ARGUING THAT SUCH A MOVE WAS BOTH DUPLICATIVE, IN VIEW OF CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF

EARLIER COMMITTEE, AND UNWARRANTED BY ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS. FOREGOING REMAINS US POSITION.

4. CHEMICAL WEAPONS. US IS COMMITTED TO OBJECTIVE OF EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. IN CONSIDERING ANY CW AGREEMENT WE HAVE MAINTAINED THAT SCOPE OF PROHIBITIONS MUST BE RELATED TO POSSIBILITIES OF VERIFICATION. THUS AT CCD WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A COMPREHENSIVE CW AGREEMENT, BUT IN VIEW OF PROBLEMS OF VERIFICATION WE HAVE STATED THAT PARTIAL MEASURES SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED. IN ADDITION, US CONSIDERS THAT RIOT CONTROL AGENTS AND HERBICIDES SHOULD BE OUTSIDE SCOPE OF POSSIBLE CW MEASURES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT DRAFT SOVIET COMPREHENSIVE CW TREATY INTRODUCED AT THE CCD IN 1972 MEETS OUR VERIFICATION CONCERNS. IN 1974 JAPAN INTRODUCED AT CCD A DRAFT CONVENTION EMBODYING AN APPROACH BY STAGES TO A COMPREHENSIVE CW PROHIBITION. THE US HAS NOT PRODUCED ANY CHEMICAL WEAPONS SINCE 1968 AND HAS BEEN PHASING OUT PART OF ITS CW STOCKPIL

5. IN RESPONSE TO FONOFF REQUEST, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO EFFECTIVE RESTRAINTS ON CW AND CONTINUE TO VIEW VERIFICATION PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING DESTRUCTION OF EXISTING CW STOCKS, AS ONE OF MAJOR OBSTACLES TO COMPREHENSIVE CW AGREEMENT;

(B) AS WE HAVE STATED AT CCD, US VIEWS JAPANESE PROPOSAL
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AS A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESTRAINTS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS;

(C) AS INDICATED IN US-USSR JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JULY 3, 1974, WE HAVE AGREED WITH USSR TO CONSIDER JOINT INITIATIVE IN THE CCD REGARDING AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DEALING WITH MOST DANGEROUS, LETHAL WEAPONS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE. FOR ITS PART, US WILL WORK SERIOUSLY TO FULFILL THIS

STATEMENT OF JOINT PURPOSE.

(D) WE HOPE THAT THIS YEAR'S UNGA CW RESOLUTION WILL NOT
BE INCONSISTENT WITH LANGUAGE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND WILL
BE CONSISTENT WITH PAST CW RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN
BASED ON LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE IX OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS
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